

Capsule Summary  
SM-730  
Cardinal Gibbons Institute Boys Dormitory  
St. Inigoes Vicinity  
Private

circa 1924

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-730

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Cardinal Gibbons Institute Boys Dormitory

other

### 2. Location

street and number Approx. ¼ mile SW of the int. of Seaside View and St. Peter Claver Roads not for publication

city, town St. Inigoes vicinity

county St. Mary's

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name The Most Reverend R.C. Archbishop William Baum

street and number PO Box 240

telephone N/a

city, town St. Inigoes

state Md

zip code 20684

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse

tax map and parcel TM-70, P-1

city, town Leonardtown

liber 134 folio 100

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Total
			0
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cardinal Gibbons Institute Boys Dormitory is located approximately ¼ mile southwest of the intersection of St. Peter Claver and Seaside View Roads. Surrounded by a grassy field, the building is just north of the Cardinal Gibbons Institute Memorial and the county recreational park. The building is oriented on an northwest/southeast axis and is accessed via a short dirt drive that extends off of Seaside View Road.

Constructed after 1924, the Boys Dormitory building is a one story, three part, masonry building with a gable roof with hipped ends. The roof, pierced by an interior end chimney, is clad with asphalt shingles. The massing of the building is clearly divided into three parts. The larger central block is distinguished by a higher gable roof and exterior walls that project from the two side wings. Each of the wings is smaller in size and dimension and also exhibit hipped roof ends on the southeast and northwest sides. Portions of the gable ends are visible and are louvered. The building appears to be entered from doors located on the northwest and southeast sides. The door on the southeast side is flanked to either side by a one-over-one, double-hung sash window with louvered shutters (all of the windows feature similar shutters). The northeast side is divided into three parts. The central block is pierced by two central, one-over-one windows of larger dimension which are accompanied by two smaller one-over-one windows. Both of the wings are pierced by four one-over-one windows. A bulkhead entry into a basement is visible on this elevation, as is the interior end chimney.

The other elevations were not investigated.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1 acre</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>1 acre</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>St. Mary's City</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1: 24 000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Cardinal Gibbons Institute Boys Dormitory is situated in just northwest of a public park leased by St. Mary's County from the Catholic Archdiocese. Only one acre immediately around the memorial was surveyed. This acre largely consists of an open field. A more specific property description is found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 134, Folio 100.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

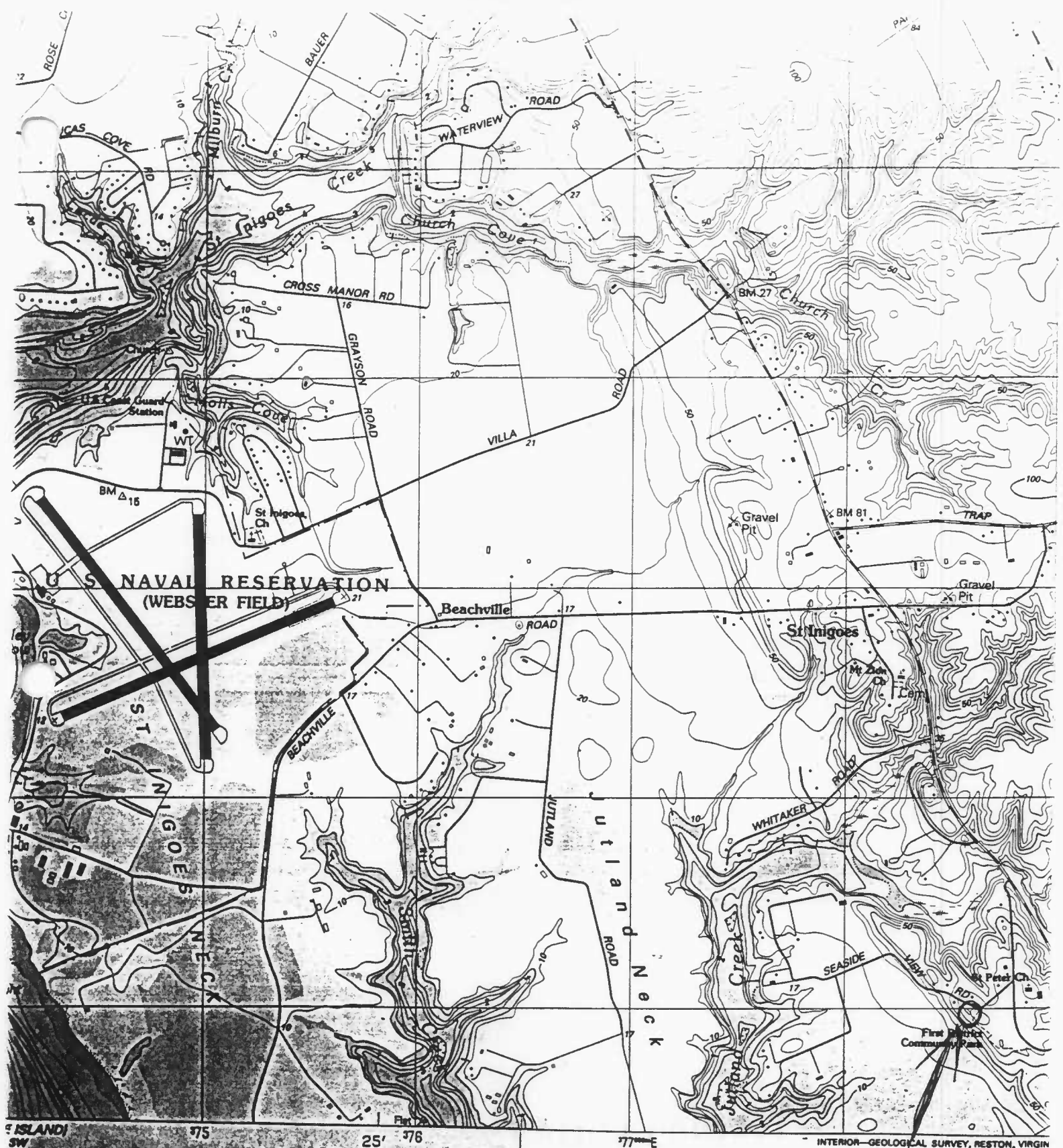
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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

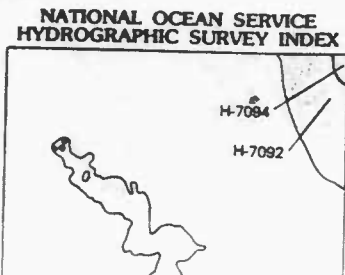
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**  
 Primary highway, hard surface ..... Light-duty road, improved surface  
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 Cardinal Gibbons Inst. Boys Dormitory  
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